FEBRUARY 2017 MEETING AGENDA

February 14-16, 2017
Hilton Garden Inn Kitty Hawk
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Tuesday, February 14th

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. River Herring/Shad Committee Meeting (Tab 1)
(Winslow, Shiels, McMurray, Baum, Michels, Slacum, deFur, Hughes, Nowalsky,
Batsavage, King, Nolan, O’Reilly, Bullard, Beal; NE Reps: Stockwell, Tooley)
– Discuss criteria to assess progress in river herring/shad conservation

2:30 p.m. Council Convenes

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Meeting as a Committee of the Whole (Tab 2)
(King, McMurray, Hughes, Heins, deFur, Nolan, Baum, Michels, Nowalsky, Mann,
Shiels, Winslow, Bullard; NE Reps: Tooley, Reid)
– Review and approve public hearing document for Squid Amendment

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Law Enforcement Report (Tab 3)

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Presentation on National Marine Sanctuary Nomination Process
(Tab 4)
Paul Ticco - NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

Wednesday, February 15th

9:00 a.m. Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s
Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 62nd Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop (62nd SAW)
(Tab 5)
Jim Weinberg, NMFS, NEFSC
– Overview of black sea bass benchmark stock assessment findings and peer review panelist findings

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Black Sea Bass 2017-2019 Specifications (Tab 6)
– Overview and staff recommendation
– SSC recommendation
– Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations
– Adopt recommendations for 2017-2019
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Black Sea Bass Research Update (Tab 7)  
*Brad Stevens - UMES*

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  LUNCH

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  Black Sea Bass Recreational Specifications (Tab 8)  
- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations  
- Adopt recommendations for 2017 management measures  
- Review Recreational Working Group recommendations and regional/state proposals (possible Board action)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Black Sea Bass Commercial AM Framework (Tab 9)  
- Review background, issues, and draft alternatives

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  Summer Flounder Amendment (Tab 10)  
- Update on progress and timeline

**Thursday, February 16th**

9:00 a.m.  Council Convenes

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Business Session

Committee Reports (Tab 11)  
- River Herring/Shad  
- SSC

Executive Director’s Report (Tab 12)  
*Chris Moore*

Science Report  
*Rich Seagraves*

Organization Reports (Tab 13)  
- NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office  
- NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center  
- NOAA Office of General Counsel  
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Liaison Reports (Tab 14)  
- New England Council  
- South Atlantic Council  
- Regional Planning Body

Continuing and New Business

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